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- 1. WE NOTE THAT EC EXPORT LICENSES FOR WHEAT FLOUR ISSUED BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1976, AND MAY 1977 COVER A LARGER VOLUME THAN EC EXPORT LICENSES FOR WHEAT ISSUED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. WHILE EXPORT LICENSES FOR WHEAT FLOUR CORRESPOND TO OVER 1.4 MILLION MT, THOSE FOR WHEAT CORRESPOND TO ONLY 853,000 MT.
- 2. THIS SEEMS TO BE AN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IN YEARS PAST EC WHEAT EXPORTS WERE MUCH LARGER THAN EC EXPORTS OF WHEAT FLOUR.
- 3. WHILE WE ALSO NOTE THAT FRANCE'S WHEAT EXPORTS TO THE EC DURING AUGUST-MARCH WERE LARGER BUT ITS WHEAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES MUCH SMALLER THAN DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS OF THE TWO PREVIOUS CROP YEARS, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION FULLY TO EXPLAIN THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

4. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO BRING THESE FACTS TO THE ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON IN VIEW OF A POSSIBLE

RESUMPTION OF GATT ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS ON EC WHEAT FLOUR. THE AFOREMENTIONED STATISTICS SHOW THAT WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS ARE TODAY EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE EC THAN IN THE PAST. HENCE WE MAY EXPECT THAT THE EC POSITION IN ANY FUTURE CONSULTATIONS ON WHEAT FLOUR EXPORT SUBSIDIES WILL BE AS ADAMANT AS IN THE PAST. SORENSON

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